

MEANS BUSINESS.

The Oregon Mercantile Club Is Now Organized for Business.

The Oregon Mercantile club was organized at the court house on Tuesday evening of this week, and is now an active, live organization. It is evident that our business men are fully alive to the benefits to be gained by such organization, and they are taking hold of the matter with a will.

The meeting Tuesday evening was for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws, and for the purpose of adoption or rejection of the same.

The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman Thatcher, and the committee on organization and constitution and by-laws was called, and Evan L. Blair read the laws agreed upon by the committee.

Upon motion it was decided that all those desiring to become members of the club should enroll their names with the secretary, and those enrolled should be entitled to vote the adoption of the constitution and by-laws. Those enrolling were:

N. F. Murray,	C. D. Zook,
S. O. Proulx,	G. J. Harris,
S. O. Fallon,	D. P. Dolans,
Tom Curry,	Robt. Ruly,
Jan Carroll,	W. J. Wickham,
J. T. Thatcher,	A. H. Greene,
L. I. Moore,	R. S. Moore,
J. A. Kreek,	S. N. Butler,
R. C. Benton,	Frank Sutton,
Joe J. Pierce,	Frank Petree,
Alex. Vanhuskirk,	Jack Grosse,
Ivan Blair,	W. A. Petree,
Wm. Price,	W. A. Petree,
B. E. Davis,	Frank Kreek,

The constitution and by-laws were then taken up by article I, and the organization as the "Oregon Commercial Club."

Article 2 names the objects of the organization to be to manage every business project for adding to the prosperity and development of the city, and to the comfort and convenience of its citizens; to be ready to aid in the municipal government in managing the affairs of the city upon strict business principles, and to advance the material growth of the municipality, and to establish a center of progress in our citizens which will secure for them the largest measure of domestic comfort and commercial prosperity.

Article 3 refers to the officers, which are named as a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and an executive board of five members, who shall be chosen by the officers.

Articles 4, 5, 6, and 7 specify the duties of the officers.

Article 8 requires the executive committee to meet the fourth Monday evening of each month.

Article 9 treats of the finances and stipulates that the dues shall not exceed \$1 per annum.

Article 10 prohibits the officers from contracting debts.

Article 11 makes eligible to membership any tax-paying citizen, and voter of the school district.

Article 12 fixes the membership fee at \$1.

Article 13 fixes the regular meetings of the club on the evening of the second Monday in each month.

Article 14 requires the executive committee to submit annual reports to the club, and special reports, when required by the club.

Article 15 prohibits the payment of salaries to any officers except to the president, and he to be paid only such sums as the executive committee may from time to time think best.

Article 16 provides how amendments may be made to these laws.

The adoption of these laws were made unanimous by those who were enrolled and present.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Al. Kreeves, Thatcher and Zook were named to solicit membership.

The club adjourned to meet on the 24th Monday in March, at which time the officers are to be chosen, and the club put in working order.

Frances E. Willard.

Frances E. Willard, whose biography is the rise and splendid achievements of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, died in New York, Thursday last, at the age of 70 years.

She was not the founder of the union, but from the day that she resigned as dean of the woman's college of Northwestern University, she devoted herself solely to the battle against intemperance, the great movement which she was identified to the last.

She engaged her whole soul to the cause of temperance, and her life was a life of sacrifice and self-denial, and her death was a death of martyrdom.

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THE MAINE BLOWN UP.

Most Appalling Marine Disaster of This Century--258 Lives Lost.

Official Naval Board Now Making Inquiry Into the Cause of the Disaster.

Spanish Treachery Believed to Have Caused the Explosion--Divers Are at Work Examining the Wreck.

INTERESTING LETTER AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF JOHN MORRIS, OF HOLT COUNTY, AN OFFICER OF THE MAINE

Latest Summary of Government Advances.

The government has information that a torpedo was towed against the Maine and exploded.

The theory of accident has been generally abandoned.

Spain held to be responsible for the acts of a band of Weyler conspirators.

How much indemnity shall be demanded is now under consideration.

Refusal to pay the indemnity will be followed by a movement against Havana.

Sicard, on account of ill health, will probably yield the command to Captain Schley.

A nose of a terrible explosion started Havana, at 10 o'clock on Tuesday night of last week, February 15, 1897. It was soon learned by the people who flooded to the water front, whence the sound proceeded that the explosion had occurred on the United States battleship Maine.

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is now our circuit clerk. After his furlough he was stationed on the Maine, where he was engaged in the art of measuring and describing the sea, lakes, rivers, and other waters, with their phenomena, a department at Washington, ordered to the Brooklyn Navy yard in April, 1896.

In December, 1896, he was ordered to the Maine, and remained with it until the disaster in Havana harbor, in the summer and early fall, the Maine cruised the Atlantic coast, a portion of the time being spent at Bar Harbor and the Maine coast, and a portion of the time at the Atlantic coast, and a portion of the time at the Atlantic coast.

A fortnight ago she was ordered to Havana.

Letters from Engineer Morris, dated directly on the arrival in Havana, stated that they expected to be relieved within a week, and the Maine would join the other vessels of the squadron for the Mardi Gras festivities.

On the afternoon of the 16th inst., Wednesday of last week, a telegram from him to his mother, brother and sister, of Kansas City, Kan., and repeated to his Brother George, here, merely said: "Unharmful." On the 17th a telegram announced his arrival at Key West, and saying: "Am at Key West, no occasion for slightest uneasiness." In an interview with Mr. Morris at Havana, the New York Journal quotes him as saying: "I was sitting at the after turret, talking with Boatwain Falkland. I am hazy as to how the accident happened, but I was knocked to the deck, and I regained my feet I tried to reach the superstructure, but was knocked down three times by flying missiles. I don't know how I reached the superstructure or who carried me off the ship."

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What We Say We Do We Do Do

Watch our advertisements and you will reap a benefit. You will learn of the power of money when carefully expended. You can learn how to make two out of one. We will give you the value of two dollars for one. Come in and see us for bargains in

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New and large line of Silks in Waist Patterns.

An elegant line of Novelty Dress Goods. Also some in regular Patterns of 7 yards

The latest things in Ladies' Belts and Ties.

The nicest line of Men's Pants to be found in the city, ranging in price from \$1.75 to \$5.

All goods delivered in the city free of charge. Do not order

Anything

until you see us, for we will make and save you money. Remember the place.

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Andrew county has 30 road over.

L. I. Moore & Co. will sell you goods in their line as cheap as any one.

Go and see Wickham & Carr for choice meats--both fresh and salt.

Uncle Jim, S. K. has been granted an increase of pension from \$12 to \$13.

Rev. H. Crampson will preach at the Richmond school house next Sabbath at 3 p. m.

The latest from "Tony" Reeves is that he is gradually recovering from his stroke of paralysis.

A little war excitement once in a while is a good thing. It stirs the patriotism of the people.

It is in times like this that nobody thinks there has been too much money spent on our "useless navy."

Grandmother Forney, of Clay township, reached her 80th birthday on Saturday last week, February 15th.

The National court is now in session, with 121 cases docketed, eighteen of which are divorce cases.

Sam Stout has rented the Widow Kelley farm, but will live in Oregon, having rented the Mat Gelin property near the school house.

Bob Frederick has secured the contract from Andy Burrier, for the erection of a two story improvement to his present residence.

W. W. Scott is in receipt of a letter from friends in the state of Oregon in which they state that they had ripe strawberries to eat over a week ago.

Frank Kreek has vacated the Allen property, just west of Moore's grocery store, and has moved into the Pinkston property, with Mrs. Kreek's mother.

Preaching at the M. E. church next Saturday evening, at 7:30 by Rev. J. S. Ware. Also Sabbath, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Quarterly conference, Monday, 10 a. m.

Rev. Payne, of the M. P. church, is scheduled for the meeting at the Presbyterian church, just west of Moore's grocery store, and has moved into the Pinkston property, with Mrs. Kreek's mother.

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